

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : R. M. Crooke et al.
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Title : ANTISENSE MODULATION OF
STEAROYL-CoA DESATURASE
EXPRESSION

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated October 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition to Extend the Time for Response under 37 CFR §1.36(a) for two months from January 23, 2004 to March 23, 2004 and the fee due under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(ii) are filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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